(b) and (c) A representation has been received from major sports channels regarding the proposal for the mandatory sharing with Prasar Bharati of telecast rights of events of national importance.

(d) No, Sir. The channels are allowed to uplink through teleports in the C-band at present.

Channel for science and technology

1508. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to start a separate channel exclusively for science and technology using satellites launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the aim and area likely to be covered by the said channel?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Department of Science and Technology has informed that there is no such proposal.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. However, programme on Science and Technology are given special importance in all channels.

Crime Reports on TV channels

1509. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the regular 'Crime Reports' on major TV channels sensationalising crimes;

(b) if so, whether any analysis has been made by the concerned agencies about the impact of such serials on the society; and

(c) the steps taken to regulate the contents of TV 'Crime Reports'?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No analysis has been made by the Government about the impact on society of 'Crime Reports' telecast by several major TV channels. However, all programmes and advertisements